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SUBJ: IPU CONFERENCE - MIDDLE EAST

1. FOLLOWING IS IPU DELEGATION MESSAGE:

2. IPU SECRETARY GENERAL ADVISED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APRIL 15 THAT SYRIA AND LEBANON HAD REQUESTED
INSCRIPTION OF MIDDLE EAST
WUESTION ON AGENDA OF IPU
COUNCIL APRIL 19. SINCE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FIXES THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA, HE
IS LAYING THE MATTER
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

3. SWISS REP ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS TIME OF FORUM TO
DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST. EGYPTIAN REP REPLIED THAT IT WAS,
SINCE TWO IPU MEMBERS HAD ASKED FOR SUCH DISCUSSION;
IN ADDITION, THERE WAS NEW DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAELI
RAIDS ON TERRITORY THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. US REP (DERWINSKI) SAID HE BELIEVED IT PREFERABLE
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NOT TO DEBATE ISSUE IN VIEW OF DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS

AMONG PARTIES CONCERNED WHICH HAD ALREADY YIELDED PROGRESS. INEVITABLY CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION IN IPU FORUM WOULD NOT HELP AND MIGHT WELL HINDER THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IN INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, HE SUGGESTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPRESS NO RPT NO OPINION ON INSCRIPTION OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUE. SYRIA AND LEBANON HAD RIGHT TO REQUEST INSCRIPTION DURING COUNCIL MEETING ITSELF AND COULD SPEAK ON ISSUE WHEN ASKING INSCRIPTION; OTHER COUNTRIES COULD, IF THEY WISH, THEN SPEAK AGAINST INSCRIPTION. MATTER WOULD THEN BE PUT TO VOTE AND WOULD PROBABLY FAIL TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. THUS, SYRIA AND LEBANON WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS BUT COUNCIL WOULD PROBABLY BE SPARED LENGTHY AND ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE.

5. DERWINSKI'S SUGGESTION FOUND WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY; EGYPTIAN REP, IN DIFFICULT POSITION, OBVIOUSLY FOUND MUCH MERIT IN IT AND WAS TRYING HARD TO FIND BASIS FOR AGREEMENT. AT THAT POINT, HOWEVER, ROMANIAN REP (MANESCU) PROPOSED THAT MIDDLE EAST BE INSCRIBED. THIS PRECIPITATED LONG DISCUSSION ON RELATIVE MERITS OF TWO SUGGESTED COURSES. SWISS REP MOVED THAT DERWINSKI PROPOSAL BE VOTED ON; IT CARRIED 3-7 (US).

6. DELEGATION COMMENT: WE HOPE TO PERSUADE ENOUGH REPS BY APRIL 19 THAT INSCRIPTION OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO EFFORTS OF CONCERNED PARTIES TO REACH AGREEMENT, AND WOULD CONSUME LARGE PORTION OF ONE-DAY IPU COUNCIL'S TIME. DELEGATION PUZZLED BY UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE OF ROMANIAN REP (MANESCU) ON THIS AND CHILEAN ISSUE - PARTICULARLY GIVEN RELATIVELY LOW-KEY PERFORMANCE OF SOVIETS AND FACT THAT ROMANIA MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH BOTH ISRAEL AND CHILE. NEGATIVE VOTES ON DERWINSKI PROPOSAL CAST BY ROMANIA, USSR AND EGYPT.

7. DEPT REPEAT AS DESIRED.
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